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BROOKLYN, N. Talmage, D D , ex pounded some passpout ancient polistrength, the nations shake." The Doc-

was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it "-Exodus xxxvii: I. He

Look at it-the sacred chest of the ancients. It was about five feet long, three enant, feet wide, and three feet high It was TE within and out of pure gold. () the top of it stood two angels facing each other with outspread wings. In that sacred Jordan parted. Divinely charged, costly, precious, momentous nex. No unboly hands might key hold of it. It was called the ark of the covenant. But you will understand it was a bex, the most precious por of the ages. Where is it now? Gone forever. Not a crypt of church or museum of the world has a fragment of it. But is not this nation God's chosen

Rad Sea? Have we not been led with a pillar of fire by night. Has this nation no ark of the covenant? Yes, the ballot box, the sacred chest of the nation, the ark of the American covenant.

In it is the law, in it is the divice and the human will, in it is the fate of the na-tion. Carried in front of our host again and again the waters of national trouble have parted. Mighty askof the coverant, the American ballot-box! It is a very

In Athens, long before the art of printing, the people dropped peobles into it to give expression to their sentiments. After that, beans were dropped into it-a waite bean for the efficinative, a black bean for the negative. After that, when they wished to vote a man out of citizenship, they would wrate his name upon a shell and drop that into the box.

O'Connell and Grote and Cooden and Macaulsy and Gladstone fought great battles in the introduction of the

BALLOT BOXES IN ENGLAND, and to-day it is one of the fastnesses of that nation. It is one of the corner stores of our government. It is older than the constitution. In it is our national safety. Tell me what will be the fate of the American ballot-box, the ark of American covenant, and I will tell you Every man voting in his own way—God nounced. what will be the fate of this ration. Give and his own conscience the only dictator. Another the people once a year or once in four years an opportunity to express their po-litical sentiments, and you practically

if they were sale. "Yes," said the farmers and the gardeners, "It is safe; all the danger is before the eruption, then comes earthquake and terror; but just as soon as the volcano begins to pour forth lava we all feel at rest." It is the suppression of political sentiment, the suppression of public opinion, that makes morel earthquake and national earthquake. Let public opinion pour forth and that gives satisfaction, and that gives peace, and that gives permanency to good government. And yet, though the ballot box is the sacred chest and the ark of the American covenant, you know as well as I know it has its sworn antagonists, and I propose this morning in God's name, and as a Christian patriot, to set before you the names of some of the sworn enemies of this sacred chest, the ark of the American covenant, the ballot bex.

First, I remark, ignorance is a mighty toe. U her in ugs being equal, the more intelligence a man has the better he is qualified to exercise the right of suffrage. You have been ten, fficen, twenty, thirty years studying

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS, you have canvassed all the great questions about tariff and home rule and all the educational questions, and everything in American politics you are well ac quainted with. You consider yourself competent to cast a vote in November, and you are competent. You will take your position in the line of electors, you will wait for your turn to come, the judge of election will announce your name, you will cast your vote and pass Well done.

But right behind you there will come : man who cannot spe'l the name of comptroller, or attorney or mayor. He cannot write, or if he can write he uses a small "f" for the personal pronoun. He could not tell on which side of the Alleghany mountains Onio is. Educated canary chest is defination of character. Can birds, educated horses know more than you find out from the newspapers when the. He will cast his vote and two men are running for office which is the basis? How often in the autum-ignorance is as mighty as your nal elections the good man is dentelligence. That is not right. All men of fair mind will acknowledge that all men of fair mind will acknowledge that the basis. There are many who has not had a house on earth who will have a mansion in heaven.

There are many who through accidents of fortune have come to great success that is not right. Until a man can read no just opinion as to who is the best man, while they are prefound in their stupidity, and there are the man can read no just opinion as to who is the best man, and there are the man can read no just opinion as to who is the best man, and there are many who has not had a house on earth who will have a mansion in heaven. the Decisration of Independence and the and there are hundreds and thousands of as profound in their studidity as a man of Constitution of the United States, and electors who go up to vote so utterly be- large fortune with whom I was calculate the interest on the American fogged they know not what they do. Is crossing the coesn, who told me debt, and know the difference between a not that a fearful influence to be brought he was going to see the dykes republican form of government and a upon the ballot-box of this country? It of Scotlard! When a member of monarchy or a despotism, he is unfit to has been so ever since the foundation of my family assed a lady on her return exercise the right of suffrage at any bol- this government. Defamation of char- from Europe if she had seen Mont Blanc.

seated beside the officers of registration, the United States bank. and let them decide whether the men who come up to vote have any capacity to be monarche in a land where we are all mon-arche. One of the most awful foes of the peared in the Sentinei 'f Boston: "Mon-American bollot box to day is popular ignorance. Educate the people, give them an opportu ity to know and understand what they do. If they will not take the education, deny them the vote.

Another powerful enemy of this sacred chest, the ark of the American covenant, the ballot box, is spurious voting. In 1880, in Brooklyr, there were 1000 names A: the Tabernacle recorded of persons who had no rest- violence of foreign and domestic dema-R v. T. DeWitt tempted fraudulent votes in the best city on the continent, what may we expect in cities not so fortunate? What a grand sages of scripture thing is the law of registration. Without as that, Thomas Jefferson went into it elections in this country would be a stics. He gave out farce. There must be a scrutiny on this My father told me that when Andrew the hymn: "Arm of subject. The law must have the keenest Jackson was running for President of the Lord, awake, twist for the neck of repeaters Someawake; put on thy thing more than slight fine and short imprisonment. It is an attempt at the assassination of the republic when a man tor's tixt was: "Two cubits and a half sttempts to put in a spurious vote. In and all the pictorials of those times repwas the length of it, and a cubit and a half ciden times when men laid unboly hands resented Jackson as taking his ciden times when men laid unboly hands on the ark of the covenant they dropped the hand of the devil down dead. Witness Uzzin. And when I saw at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, in a museum, men attempt to put unnoly hands on the a promident paper of 1844, which spoke ballot box, the ark of the American cov- of Henry

chest is intimidation. with outspread wings. In that sacred box was the law, and there were in it a great many precious stones. With that tox went the fate of the ustion. Carried in front of the host, the waters of the Jordan parted. Divinely charged, costly, as the firm do So you can go loto vil- that were aimed for my destruction, and with hundreds and thousands of employes and having found cut the politics of the Defamation! It is the curse of head men in the factory, you can tell the American ballot-box. Just as people? Have we not passed through the he pleases, there is something awfully that he must be brought down. His pub-

votes differently from what you do? Oo, or monopolistic

Lord Chief Justice Hoit of England, sublime eagle, but from a turkey buzzard! when he said: "Let the people vote Gnouls! Ghouls! They tip the city fairly. Interference with a man's vote sawer into their editorial inkstands. is in behalf of this or that party. I give Defamation of character is one of the you notice that if an offender against the curses of the American ballot box to-day. law come before me, I will

the ballot-box, is bribery.

You know something of the hundreds

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You know something of the hundreds avoid insurrection and revolution.

Either give them the ballot or they will take the sword. Without the ballot box there can be no free republican institutions. Milton visiting in Italy noticed that on the sides of Vesuvius gardeners and farmers were at work while the volcano was in cruption, and he asked them if they were cafe. "Yes," said the with reference to his capacity to provide others. You know the names of men, who I ave at different times gone into the filce buying their way all through. I

Very often it is not money that in the back yard for ventilation. bribes, but it is collec. "You make me In some of the states politics President and I'll make you a Cabinet there have been the forms of bribe offered. So it is often the case that by the time a man comes to an office to which he has been elected he is from the crown of head to the sole of foot mortgaged with pledges, and the man who

goes to Aibany or Washington TO GET AN OFFICE is applying for some position which was given away three months before the election. Two long lines of worm fence, one worm fence reaching to Albany and the other to Washington, and there a great many of the best men in this land. Lit-many citizens astride the fence, and they erary men are almost always poor. A are equally poised, and they are waiting pen is a good implement to make the to see on which side there is most emolument, and on this side they get down. But bribery kicks both ways. It kicks ordinarily. I have known scores of the man that offers it and the man that literary men who never owned a foot of takes it. Bribery to-day you will admit ground and never will own a foot of to be one of the mightlest foes of the

American ballot box. Another great enemy of that sacred

than to lecture on astronomy. How are father, John Adams, had to go brough taese things to be corrected? By laws of the same process, and John Quincy compulsory education well executed. I Adams declared he really thought in that go in for a law which, after giving fair present election there were men who gave warning for a few years, shall make ig-norance a crime. There is no excuse for ignorance on these subjects in this land, ren was always pictorialized as a rat where the common schools make knowledge as free as the fresh air of heaven. I
would have a board of examination battering rams breaking in the door of

> On the day on which Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated President of the United umental inscription. Y-sterday expired deeply regretted by millions of grateful ful Americans, and by all good men, the Federal administration of the govern-ment of the United States, animated by Washington, Adams, Hamilton, Knox, Pickering, McHenry, Marshall and Stod-dard; aged twelve years. Its death was occasioned by the secret arts and open gogues. As one tribute of gratitude in these times this monument to the talents and services of the deceased is raised by the Sentinel." Under such defamation

> United States, the whole land was flooded with coma handbuls-pictures of six dead men, in allusion to the six deserters whom Andrew Jackson had had shot,

Ciny as a gambler, a nant, libertine, and a murderer; and the manner in which he was Another powerful foe of this sacred defamed and the outrages which were heaped upon him may be well

lages where there are establishments vindicated my good name from every maignant and nafounded aspersion."

which way the election is going. Now, soon as in the great cities a man is put that is dammable. If in any preciect in up for office he is made the target. The the United States a man cannot vote as fact that he is up is prima facie evidence. wrong
How do you treat that employe who and all the electric lights are turned or. How often it is that men have gone down you say you do not interfere with his under such things. In every autumnal right of suffrage. But you call him into election the air is filed with carrion your private office, and you find fault crows scenting carcasses: Caw! Caw! your private office, and you find fault crows scenting carcasses. Caw! Caw! with his work, and after a while you Caw! There are newspapers in the United tetl him there is an uncle, or an aunt, or States that in the great autumnal elecposition. You do not say it is because they are filled with calumny. The edine voted this or that way, but he knows and God knows it is. If that man has it; their columns are stuffed with it. given to you in herd work an equivalent There are newspapers in the United for the wages you pay him, you have no States which in the great popular elecright to ask anything else of him. He tions breakfast and dine and sup on insold you his work; no did not sell you decency. They wallow in it. Swine like his political or religious (principles. But the mire. They give more for one quill you know as well as I do there is some full of it than a whole hogshead of de-times on that sacred chest, the ark of the cent product. There are in these great American covenant, a shadow corporate autumnal elections men sitting in edito rish chairs who write with a quil', not I do not worder at the vehemence of plucked from the stupid goose, or the Is your great presidential elections who CHARGE THE JURY can tell from what he reads who is the to make him pay well for it." No shadow man he cught to vote for? Bad men platecratic, or mobocratic, or capitalistic. sometimes applanded, good men de-

used in bribery this autumn's election choice. You say vote for some ody outthe case that a man is cominated for crice Christian men of New York and Brooklyn, honorable men, patriotic men, go and money for the elections or with reference take possession of the caucuses. First to his capacity to command money from having saturated your pocket handkercalef with cologne, or some other disinfectant, go down to the caucus and take gubernatorial chair or congressional possession of it in the name of the Lord God Almighty and the American people, tell you no news. Your patriotic heart though after you come back you should has been pained again and again with it. have to hang your hat and coat on a line

In some of the states politics have got so low that the nominees no more need officer; you make me Governor and I'll good morals than they do a bath tub. make you Surveyor-General; you make Sna ch the ballot-box from such men. me Mayor and I'll put you on the water Where is the David who will go forth board; you give me position and I'll give and bring the ark of the covenant back you position." That is the form of bribe from K'rjath-jearim? Do you not think often and often in these great cities. I politics have got to a pretty low abb in do not say it is in our city, but you know our day when a Tweed could be sent to again and again throughout the land the Legislature of New York, and a John Morrissey, the prince of gamblers, could be sent to the American Congress?

Now, how are these things to be remedied? Some say by a property qualifi cation. They say that alter a man gets a certain amount of property-s certain amount of real estate-he is financially interested in good government, and he

CAUTIOUS AND CONSERVATIVE. I reply, a property qualification would shut off from the pallot-box a great world better, but it is a very ground until they get under it. Pro-fessors of colleges, teachers of schools, editors of newspapers, ministers of religior, qualified in every possible way to vote, yet no worldly success. There has

school. There were only 1,388,000, in other words about 50 per cent; and of the 50 per cent, not more than 5 per cent, got any thing worthy the name of an education.

Now, take the foreign ignorance and of the control of the contro thing worthy the name of an education. Whether you abandoned good morals or Christianization of the people. That ark now, take the foreign ignorance and add never had any "That is Thomas Paine's of the covenant was carried into captivity to our covenant was carried into captivity opinion of George Washington. opinion of George Washington.

American ignorance,
and there will be in November thousands of people who are no more qualified to exercise the right of suffrage

Opinion of George Washington.

John Quincy Adams declared that he hooked exen to a cart, and they put this erk on the cart, and the cart was faben to Jerusalem—the ark of the covenant coming with the shouting and thanksgiving passed through his body. It is supposed he had a feel to-day fine fight fine hooked exen to a cart, and they put this erk on the cart, and they put this erk on the cart, and the cart was faben to Jerusalem—the ark of the covenant with bullets, not less than five balls having passed through his body. It is supposed he had a feel to-day fine fight fine hooked exen to a cart, and they put this erk on the cart, and the cart was faben to Jerusalem—the ark of the covenant coming with the shouting and thanksgiving passed through his body. It is supposed he had a feel to-day for the cart, and they put this erk on the cart, and they put this erk on the cart, and they put this ten miles southwest of Bonham riddled with bullets, not less than five balls having the fact that his follows are no more of George Washington.

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f the people. And though the American ballot box, the ark of the American coverant, our sacred chest, has been carried again and arato into captivity by

and spurious voting, I celleve it will be brought back yet by prayer and by Caristian consecration, and will be set down in the midst of the temple of Whose responsi Christian patriotism. bility? Yours and mine.

A poor soldier went to a hairdresser in London. He wanted to get back to the army. He had overrun his forlough, and he wanted some help to get back in quick transit. The money was given to the poor soldier, who said to the man who had offered the kindness: "I have nothing to give you in return but this lit tle worn out receip: for making black log " He gave it, not thinking there was any value in it especially, and the man who took it did not suppose there was any special value in it; but it yielded the man who took it \$2 500,000, and was the foundation of one of the greatest estates in England. And that little vote, that in-significant vote which you take of your pocket-insignificant out of in your sight and insignifi-cant in the sight of others—may start an influence that will last all through the

progress of this government. I charge you then, as American citizens to remember your responsibility on the first Tuesday of November. It will begin early, the snow storm of suffrages It will snow all day-snow on until noor snow on until night. The flakes will in was a young man of 23 years, the son of in every town and village and neighbor. a former merchant of Savoy, twelve miles hood, the white flakes. The octogense west distributes. At present the at it rian will come up, his hand trembile it shraided in mysery, not the singlest and with spectacied eye he will acrust the vote and drop it and pass on. The young man who has been waiting for his time will come up, and proudly and bushingly deposit his first vote and pass oc. The capitalist will come up with be diamond figger and the laborer with hard fist, and the one vote will be as good as the other. Show storm of suffrages, and then these white fiskes will be gathered together and compacted into an avaisnche that will siide down in excreasion of the will of the people. Stand out of the way of it? In

THE AWFUL SWEEP of this white avalanche let political fraud

go down a thousand feet under. You have not only a vote, you have a prayer. The prayer may be mightler than the vote. On, as citizens of this beautiful city, and of this state, and of this nation. let us do our whole duty. We cannot liv. under any other form of government than that which God has given us in this coun-The sters on our fing are not the try. stars of a thickening night, but the stars sprinkled amid the bars of morning cloud. We are going to have one government on this entire continent. Let the despotisms of Asia keep their feet off the Pac. account, and let the tyrannies of Europe keep their feet off the Atlantic coast. We are going to have one government. Mexico will follow Texas into, the Union, and Christianity and civil zation will stand side by side in the halls of the Montezumes. And if not in our day, then in the day of our children, Yucatan and Central America will come in dominion, while on the north Canada will be ours, not by conquest-ob, no, American and English can tell from what he reads who is the man he cought to vote for? Bad men sometimes applicated, good men deserving man voting in his own way—God and his own conscience the only dictator.

Another powerful fee of that sacred chest, the ark of the American covenant, the ballot box, is the chest, the ark of the American covenant, the ballot box, is the powerful.

To your great presidental elections was called while contained with which is the reads who is the can tell from what he reads who is the will woo our fair neighbor of the north, and then End will woo our fair neighbor of the north, and then End will woo our fair neighbor of the morth, and then End will woo our fair neighbor of the will woo our swords may never clash blades-but wa

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

October Cooler Than Usual with an Excess of Bain. TEMPERATURE.

The month of October was cooler than usual in all districts east of the Rocky mountains, while it was slightly warmer than usual on the Pacific coast and plateau regions. The daily average temperature for the month in the central valleys, including the principal winter wheat

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states, was generally from 6 to 8 the normal for the month. About the same conditions prevaled in the middle Atlantic states and New England, while in the Guif states, Georgia and Florids, the temperature was only from 2° to 4° lower than the normal. The movement of the frost line to the southward was very slight during the month of October, and the greater portion of the Gulf states, Southern Georgia, and the whole of Florida continue south of the frost line. Killing frosts were reported in North Carolina on the 22d, and in Tennessee on the 29th, and at earlier dates during the month in Maryland, Virginia

and Kentucky. PRECIPITATION.

During the month of October there has been an excess of precipitation over the greater portion of the southern, middle At actic and New England states. Large poor implement to get a livelihood excesses, ranging from three to four ordinarily. I have known scores of inches, occurred in South Carolina and Georgia, where large deficiencies in rainfall were previously reported. Large ex cesses also occurred in Southern Louis ians, where the rainfall for the season was largely above the normal. Through out the lake region and the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, including Ne brasks and the greater portion of Kansas the rainfall for the month was less than usual. Over Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa Southeastern Dakota and Eastern Ne prasks about one-half the usual rainfal occurred.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The weather has been generally favorsole for farm work in the winter wheat states and the rainfall for the month has doubtless affected! the winter wheat cros favorably. The rain in the southern por-

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was killed some time last night in a fight. A pistol was found by his side. Vestal was a young man of 23 years, the son of meet of this place. At present the result is shreaded in mysery, not the shreet track or clue so the marderer bling H. Brown, agent.

> His Intelligent Dog Johnny. Lewiston Journal.

my dog's name-to lie on the sofs, and he, of course, would not try to as long as I was in the room. Even when I was out may imagine my surprise when returning home one afternoon I found him lying quietly on the sola and looking deflantly at me. He received his punishment, and was apparently so disgusted that ne did not touch a bit of his supper that night. I did not thick any more of this event until a few days later, when, coming back at an unusual time, I found "Johnny" saleeping in his box and snoring. "What's little to the strength of the supper strength of the contract of the supper strength of the supper strengt I did not mistrust the old fellow and you did not think any more of this event until a few days later, when, coming back at an unusual time, I found "Johnny" sleeping in his box and snoring. "What's up with you now?" I thought. I looked at the sofa but could see nothing suspicious. I moved my hand across it "There, been again on i', old mar, have you?" He did neither stir nor interrupt his snoring. I then ordered him to come, and told him he was quite smart, but not enough so as to consider the animal heat his body had left on the sofa.

his body had left on the sofs. The following day I went away on purpose to see whether he would dare to try it sgain. My room was on the first floor and I had to go a little way through the garden before coming to the house. "Johnny" certainly could hear me when I came along the sandy path. This time, however, I hurried over the Iswn after I had banged the gate and looked through the window. He probably thought, as he did not hear me come, I had remained at the gate, and so he carried out his preparations. Of course, he had been sgain on the sofs. What do you think that snimmly his fore paws on the sofs and blowing with all his might on the spot where he had been lying, to cool it off so that I could not feel it. Well, I let him blows if it while and then knocked at the window. If the remained of the remained a minute or two later, and while and then knocked at the window. If the same him to come the sofs was sound asleep.

The "Moodus noises" have recommenced up in Connecticut, and the good people of that village are kept perpetually on the edge of an earthquake scare by the subterranear rumblings and mutterings that sometimes jar their wills and jingle their crockery, and which come is a constitute of the remained in the spot which come is to it hands high, unbroken, 250 to 250 to 250 the same life, unbroken, 250 the same life, unbroken, 250 to 250 the same life, unbroken, 250 the same life, unbroken, 250 the same life, unbroken, 250 the s The following day I went away on purpose to see whether he would dare to try | 13 7

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